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I. Agenda for the eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session of the Trade and Development Board

II. Attendance

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session of the Trade and Development Board was held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva, on 5 September 1995. The executive session consisted of one meeting - the 861st plenary meeting of the Board. The agenda of the eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session is reproduced in annex I below.

2. On behalf of the members of the Trade and Development Board, and in his personal capacity as President of the Board, H.E. Mr. Richard Pierce of Jamaica congratulated Mr. Rubens Ricupero of Brazil on his nomination - shortly to be confirmed by the United Nations General Assembly - to the post of Secretary-General of UNCTAD. [1]

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[1] The appointment of Mr. Rubens Ricupero as Secretary-General of UNCTAD was confirmed by the United Nations General Assembly on 14 September 1995.

II. REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF THE BOARD: MATTERS REQUIRING ACTION

(Agenda item 4)

Item 4(a) - Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices, fourteenth session (6-10 March 1995)

3. The President drew attention to the agreed conclusions in annex I of the report on the session, which related to preparations for the Third United Nations Conference to Review All Aspects of the Set of Multilaterally Agreed Equitable Principles and Rules for the Control of Restrictive Business Practices, to be held from 13 to 21 November 1995.

4. The Board took note of the report of the Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Restrictive Business Practices on its fourteenth session (TD/B/42(1)/3-TD/B/RBP/106) and of the agreed conclusions in annex I.

Item 4(b) - Ad Hoc Working Group on the Role of Enterprises in Development, first session (3-7 April 1995) and second session (3-7 July 1995)

First session

5. The President drew attention to annex II to the report on the first session, containing the secretariat's summary of the main points emerging from the discussions, and in particular to paragraph 33 concerning suggestions for further studies.

6. The Board took note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on its first session (TD/B/42(1)/2-TD/B/WG.7/4) and endorsed the suggestions for further studies contained in paragraph 33 of the summary of discussions as reflected in annex II.

Second session

7. The President stated that the report on the second session of the Ad Hoc Working Group was incorporated into the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group, which was before the Board in TD/B/42(1)/17. Part One of the report contained the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Working Group at its second session. He drew attention to paragraph 8, concerning topics for further analysis and study, and to paragraph 9, whereby it was considered that the results of the work of the Ad Hoc Working Group, as reflected in its Final Report and in the report on its first session, provided useful inputs to the preparatory process for UNCTAD IX.

8. The Board took note of the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group (TD/B/42(1)/17-TD/B/WG.7/8); endorsed the conclusions and recommendations adopted at the second session, as contained in Part One thereof, including the recommendations concerning topics for further analysis and study, as reflected in paragraph 8; and decided to transmit the Final Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group to the eighteenth special session of the Board in December 1995 for consideration, including the question of any institutional follow-up.

Item 4(c) - Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations, twenty-first session (24-28 April 1995)

9. The President drew attention to annex I of the report, containing the agreed conclusions which the Commission had adopted concerning its future work. With regard to paragraph 6 of these agreed conclusions, the Board noted that provision for the publication of the World Investment Report in all official languages had been included in UNCTAD's overall publications programme for the forthcoming biennium.

10. The Board took note of the report of the Commission on International Investment and Transnational Corporations on its twenty-first session (TD/B/42(1)/4-TD/B/ITNC/6) and endorsed the agreed conclusions in annex I.

Item 4(d) - Standing Committee on Developing Services Sectors: Fostering Competitive Services Sectors in Developing Countries - Shipping: third session (6-9 June 1995)

11. The President drew particular attention to paragraphs 67-72 of the report, constituting the Standing Committee's report to the Trade and Development Board on the review of its work programme. The Committee's discussions under this item were reflected in paragraphs 52-66 of the report.

12. The Board took note of the report of the Standing Committee on Shipping on its third session (TD/B/42(1)/5-TD/B/CN.4/50) and decided to remit to its eighteenth special session that part of the report which constitutes the Standing Committee's report to the Board on the review of its work programme. The Board also decided to remit to its eighteenth special session, as background material, document TD/B/CN.4/48, which was the report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the review of the work programme of the Standing Committee, with special emphasis on preparations for UNCTAD IX.

Item 4(e) - Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade, Environment and Development, second session (6-9 June 1995)

13. The President drew attention to paragraph 23 of the report, concerning the generous offer by the Government of Finland to host a two-day seminar in January 1996.

14. The Board took note of the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Trade, Environment and Development on its second session (TD/B/42(1)/6-TD/B/WG.6/7) and of the Chairman's summary of discussions in annex I. With regard to paragraph 24 of the report, the Board also took note with appreciation of the offer of the Government of Finland to host a two-day seminar on trade, environment and development in Helsinki in January 1996, as part of the preparatory process for UNCTAD IX.

Item 4(f) - Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation, third session (12-16 June 1995)

15. The President observed that the Chairman's summary of the discussions in the informal segment of the Standing Committee's third session was reproduced in annex II of the report. With regard to annex I, containing the agreed

conclusions adopted by the Standing Committee, he drew attention to paragraphs 10-14 concerning UNCTAD's future work on poverty alleviation.

16. The Board took note of the report of the Standing Committee on Poverty Alleviation on its third session (TD/B/42(1)/10-TD/B/CN.2/16) and decided to remit to its eighteenth special session, for appropriate action, that part of the report concerning the implementation of the Committee's work programme and, as background documentation, the note by the UNCTAD secretariat concerning the review of the implementation of the work programme and proposed future orientation of the work of the Committee (TD/B/CN.2/15).

Item 4(g) - Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries, third session (19-23 June 1995)

17. The President drew attention to the agreed conclusions adopted by the Committee (annex I), and the summaries of the informal presentations and discussions (annexes II and III), as well as to the Committee's review of its work programme, the outcome of which was reflected in paragraph 21 of the agreed conclusions in annex I and paragraphs 27-31 of the Chairman's summary in annex III.

18. The Board took note of the report of the Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries on its third session (TD/B/42(1)/7-TD/B/CN.3/16) and decided to remit to its eighteenth special session, for further consideration and appropriate action, that part of the report reflecting the Committee's review of its work programme, together with the report prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat entitled "Review of the work programme of the Standing Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries, with special emphasis on the preparations for UNCTAD IX" (TD/B/CN.3/15), as background material.

III. PROCEDURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ORGANIZATIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

A. Opening of the session

19. The eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session of the Trade and Development Board was opened on 5 September 1995 by Mr. Richard A. Pierce (Jamaica), President of the Board during its current forty-first session.

B. Bureau of the Board

20. There being no change in the officers elected to serve on the Bureau of the Board throughout the forty-first session, the Bureau of the eleventh executive session was as follows:

President: Mr. Richard A. Pierce (Jamaica)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Youri Afanassiev (Russian Federation)
Mr. Phabien Raphaël Edafe (Madagascar)
Mr. Rüdiger Lemp (Germany)
Mr. Shohei Naito (Japan)
Mr. Jose Luis Perez Gabilondo (Argentina)
Mr. Stephen A. Schlaikjer (United States of America)
Mr. Adian Silalahi (Indonesia)
Mr. Björn Skogmo (Norway)
Mr. Jamaluddin Syed (Bangladesh)
H.E. Zdenek Venera (Czech Republic)

Rapporteur: Mr. Calson Mbegabolawe (Zimbabwe)

C. Adoption of the agenda

(Agenda item 1)

21. The Board adopted the provisional agenda for the eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session as contained in section I of TD/B/EX(11)/1. (For the agenda, see annex I below).

D. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters

(Agenda item 2)

Item 2(a) - Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections

22. The President informed the Board that the membership of UNCTAD was now 188, as reflected in TD/B/42(1)/INF.1. In connection with this item, he drew attention to the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX), by which the list of States annexed to that resolution were to be reviewed periodically by the Conference in the light of changes in names of States members. The Conference last carried out such a review at its

sixth and seventh sessions and the list, as currently constituted, was reflected in the annex to the document referred to above. Since UNCTAD VII, 23 States had joined the membership of UNCTAD. The Conference would therefore be carrying out another review of the lists at its ninth session, acting on the basis of appropriate recommendations by the Board. He added that the Officer-in-charge of UNCTAD had communicated with those States which had become members of UNCTAD since the seventh session of the Conference, seeking their preference as to which list they should be assigned to. He recalled that States were assigned to lists essentially for purposes of elections and other procedural matters.

Item 2(b) - Membership of the Trade and Development Board

23. The Board noted that the membership of the Board stood at 140, as reflected in TD/B/42(1)/INF.1.

Item 2(c) - Membership of the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Working Groups

24. The President drew attention to TD/B/42(1)/INF.2, containing the revised membership of the four Standing Committees and the membership of the three Ad Hoc Working Groups, and informed the Board that any amendments or additions should be communicated to the Secretary of the Board.

Item 2(d) - Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1996

25. The Board noted that it was not yet possible to complete the nominations for all 19 members of the Working Party and that the nominations would be completed at the first part of the forty-second session of the Board. [2/]

E. Nomination of officers for the Bureau at the forty-second session of the Board and for the Sessional Committee at the first part of the forty-second session

(Agenda item 3)

26. H.E. Mr. William Rossier (Switzerland) was formally elected by acclamation to be the President of the forty-second session of the Trade and Development Board.

27. With regard to the other members of the Bureau, the Board heard the nominations of representatives who were to be formally elected on the first day of the forty-second session of the Board. [3/]

[2/] For the nominations to membership of the Working Party for 1996, see the report of the Board on the first part of its forty-second session (TD/B/42(1)/19 (Vol.I)), section I.C, item 8(a).

[3/] For the elected Bureau of the forty-second session of the Board, see ibid., section III.B.

F. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session

(Agenda item 6)

28. In accordance with past practice, the Board authorized the Rapporteur, under the authority of the President, to prepare the report of the Board on its eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session.

ANNEXES

Annex I

AGENDA FOR THE ELEVENTH (PRE-SESSIONAL) EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Treatment of new States members of UNCTAD for purposes of elections;

   (b) Membership of the Trade and Development Board;

   (c) Membership of the Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Working Groups;

   (d) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1996

3. Nomination of officers for the Bureau at the forty-second session of the Board and for the Sessional Committee at the first part of the forty-second session

4. Reports and activities of the subsidiary bodies of the Board: matters requiring action

5. Other business

6. Report of the Trade and Development Board on its eleventh (pre-sessional) executive session.

Annex II

ATTENDANCE */

1. The following States members of UNCTAD, members of the Board, were represented at the session:

Afghanistan
Algeria
Argentina
Austria
Bangladesh
Belarus
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Chile
China
Colombia
Côte d'Ivoire
Croatia
Cuba
Czech Republic
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Gabon
Germany
Greece
Honduras
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Malaysia
Malta
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Romania
Russian Federation
Singapore
Slovakia
South Africa
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Venezuela
Viet Nam

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*/ For the list of participants, see TD/B/EX(11)/INF.1.

2. The following member of UNCTAD, not member of the Board, was represented as observer at the session:

Latvia

3. The United Nations Development Programme was represented at the session.

The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT was also represented.

4. The following specialized agency was represented at the session:

International Monetary Fund.

The World Trade Organization was also represented at the session.

5. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session:

European Community
Organization of African Unity

6. The following non-governmental organizations were represented at the session:

General Category

Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers)
International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
World Federation of United Nations Associations
World Veterans Federation

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